GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards has laid down eleven criteria under essential certification of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act keeping in view the health and safety of the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some companies/ firms were found violating these criteria;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Health & F.W. has made BIS Certification mandatory in respect of 11 food articles under the PFA Rules, 1955, the details of which are annexed.

(c) to (e) Under Section 33 of the BIS Act, 1996, the BIS takes action in case of violations of provisions under Section 11 & 12 of the BIS Act, 1996.

As far as PFA Act is concerned, the Food (health) Authorities of States/UTs. are responsible for the implementation/enforcement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955. The enforcement staff draw random samples of various articles of food and take penal action against the offenders where the samples are not found to be conforming to the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955.

The Food(Health) Authorities of the State/UTs. have been advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil on the quality of food articles sold in the market and take penal action where the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 are violated.